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REMARKS

The present amendment adds reference to the priority applications to the specification and further amends Claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14-19 to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX: VERSION TO SHOWS CHANGES MADE TO APPLICATION

In the Claims

The claims were amended as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [either] claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the polyester chain containing C_{1-6} -alkylene groups is derivable from optionally alkyl substituted \in -caprolactone and δ -valerolactone.
- 4. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein the C_{8-30} -alkenylene chain is derivable from ricinoleic acid.
- 5. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the polyester chains are attached to the polyamine or polyimine backbone via amide and/or salt linkages.
- 6. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the polyimine is poly (C_{2-6} -alkyleneimine).
- 8. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the number average molecular weight of the polyamine or polyimine is from 500 to 600,000.
- 9. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 2 to 8] <u>claim 2</u> which is represented by formula 1

wherein

Y is the residue of a polyester chain which is derivable from one or more hydroxy carboxylic acids all of which contain a C_{1-6} -alkylene group or lactones thereof;

Z is the residue of a polyester chain which is derivable from one or more hydroxy carboxylic acids at least one of which contains a C_{8-30} -alkylene or C_{8-30} -alkenylene group or actones thereof;

p and q are integers; and (p + q) is from 2 to 2000.

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- 11. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [either claim 9 or claim 10] <u>claim 9</u> wherein the molar ratio of p to q is from 1:1 to 5:1.
- 12. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 9 to 11] <u>claim 9</u> wherein Y is the residue of a polyester chain derivable from lauric acid, \in -caprolactone and δ -valerolactone.
- 14. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 9 to 13] <u>claim 9</u> wherein Z is the residue of poly(ricinoleic acid).
- 15. (Amended) A composition comprising a particulate solid and a dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] <u>claim 1</u>.
- 16. (Amended) A composition comprising an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] <u>claim 1</u>.
- 17. (Amended) A dispersion comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] <u>claim 1</u>.
- 18. (Amended) A millbase comprising a particulate solid, a film-forming resin, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] <u>claim 1</u>.
- 19. (Amended) A paint or printing ink comprising a particulate solid, a film-forming resin, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] claim 1.